

5 Paragraph Essay Template

Introductory Paragraph

Introduce the topic by grabbing the audience's attention

Narrow the topic by leading into the thesis

Thesis statement-must be last sentence of the first paragraph

Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Should reflect the first element of your thesis

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact with Transition to next topic

Body Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: Should reflect the first element of your thesis

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact with Transition to next topic

Body Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: Should reflect the first element of your thesis

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact

Relate fact to thesis

Transition to next fact

Reason/Detail/Fact with Transition to next topic

Concluding Paragraph

Restate the thesis: First sentence

Summary of facts presented

Clincher Statement: